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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 CENTRAL DISTRICT
12 WESTERN DIVISION
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14 PAUL GANNON, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

15 Plaintiffs,

16 v.

17 NETWORK TELEPHONE
18 SERVICES, INC., a California
corporation; DECADE
19 COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a
California corporation; FRONTIER
20 CREDIT, INC., a California
corporation; AMERICAN OPERATOR
21 SERVICES, INC., a California
corporation; JOHN and JANE DOES 1
22 through 100; and JOHN DOE
ENTITIES 1 through 10,

23 Defendants.
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No. CV12-9777 RGK (PJWx)

CLASS ACTION--DISCOVERY

**STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

Hon. R. Gary Klausner, Courtroom 850

Complaint filed: November 15, 2012

1 The parties to this action, through their counsel of record, have stipulated and
2 agreed that an order under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) is necessary and
3 useful to protect the confidentiality of documents and other information obtained in
4 the course of discovery in this action, and have stipulated and agreed to be bound
5 by the terms of this Protective Order (“Protective Order”).

6 The materials to be exchanged in the course of this litigation may contain
7 confidential information including but not limited to trade secret or other
8 confidential research, marketing, financial or other commercial information. The
9 purpose of this Protective Order is to protect the confidentiality of such materials
10 during the litigation.

11 **DEFINITIONS**

12 1. The term “Confidential Information” shall mean and include any
13 information disclosed in this litigation, regardless of the medium or manner in
14 which it is generated, stored, maintained, or produced (including, among other
15 things, testimony, transcripts, documents and other tangible things), which is
16 deemed by a party to this case to constitute trade secret, proprietary, or sensitive
17 information, including but not limited to financial data, research and development
18 information; customer and supplier information; company personnel information;
19 marketing strategies and information; strategic business information (including but
20 not limited to business plans, forecasts, cost information, or logistical information);
21 and any other information that affords the producing party in this litigation an
22 actual or potential economic advantage over others.

23 2. The term “Outside Counsel” shall mean outside counsel of record, and
24 other attorneys, paralegals, secretaries, and other support staff employed in the
25 following law firms: Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP; Terrell Marshall Daudt &
26 Willie PLLC, The Law Offices of Stefan Coleman, and Kreindler & Kreindler.

27 3. The term “Designating Party” shall mean a party that designates
28 information as Confidential Information.

DESIGNATION

4. Each party to this litigation may designate information as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY” if, in the good faith belief of such party and its counsel, the materials fall within the Confidential Information definition herein and the disclosure of such information (including, in the case of “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY,” disclosure to anyone other than Outside Counsel) could be prejudicial to the business or operations of such party, or would violate court orders and/or confidentiality restrictions involving parties not involved in this litigation. A Designating Party must take care to designate for protection only those parts of documents that qualify, so that other portions of documents for which protection is not warranted are not designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY.”

5. To designate as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY,” the producing party must mark each page of the document with the appropriate designation before producing it. However, for documents produced by another party or a non-party, or court transcripts, or any documents produced prior to entry of this Protective Order, a party can assert confidentiality through correspondence to all other parties that specifically identifies each document that will receive a confidentiality designation.

6. Deposition testimony and/or deposition exhibits shall be designated on the record during the deposition whenever possible. A party may also designate such testimony and exhibits after transcription of the proceedings; a party shall have until twenty (20) days after receipt of the deposition transcript to inform the other party or parties of the portions of the transcript so designated.

7. The disclosing party shall have the right to exclude from attendance at said deposition, during such time as the Confidential Information is to be disclosed, any person other than the deponent, Outside Counsel (including their staff and

1 associates), the court reporter, the videographer, and the person(s) agreed upon
 2 pursuant to paragraph 10 below.

3 8. Designation of Confidential Information as “CONFIDENTIAL” or
 4 “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY” shall extend to all copies, excerpts,
 5 data, summaries, and compilations derived from such Confidential Information, as
 6 well as any testimony, conversations, or presentations by the parties hereto or their
 7 counsel that discloses such Confidential Information.

8 9. If a party, through inadvertence, produces any Confidential
 9 Information without designating it in accordance with this Protective Order, the
 10 designating party may give written notice to the receiving party[ies] that the
 11 information produced is deemed “CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR
 12 COUNSEL ONLY” and should be treated in accordance with that designation
 13 under this Protective Order. Upon receipt of such notice, the receiving party must
 14 treat the Confidential Information as designated hereunder. If the receiving party
 15 has already in good faith disclosed the information before receiving such notice, the
 16 receiving party shall have no liability for such good faith disclosure, but shall notify
 17 the designating party in writing of each such disclosure. Counsel for the parties
 18 shall agree on a mutually acceptable manner of labeling or marking the
 19 inadvertently produced materials as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL -
 20 FOR COUNSEL ONLY.”

21 **ACCESS AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

22 10. All Confidential Information designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or
 23 “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY” shall not be disclosed by the
 24 receiving party to anyone other than those persons designated herein and shall be
 25 used solely in connection with this litigation, and not for any other purpose,
 26 including any business or competitive purpose or function.

27 11. Information designated “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY”
 28 shall be viewed only by (a) Outside Counsel; (b) in-house counsel; (c) outside

1 experts or consultants retained for purposes of this litigation, in accordance with the
2 provisions of paragraph 12; (d) court reporters and videographers in connection
3 with transcribing or recording a deposition or hearing; (e) the Court and its
4 personnel; and (f) the jury.

5 12. Information designated "CONFIDENTIAL" shall be viewed only by
6 those persons designated in paragraph 10 above, and by the parties (or employees
7 thereof), provided each such party or employee of a party has read this Protective
8 Order in advance of disclosure and has agreed in writing, by executing an
9 Acknowledgment in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," to be bound by its
10 terms.

11 13. The right of any expert or consultant to receive any information
12 designated "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL - FOR COUNSEL ONLY"
13 shall be conditioned on the expert's prior execution of an Acknowledgment in the
14 form attached hereto as Exhibit "A." Notwithstanding the foregoing, any expert or
15 consultant who works for a competitor of the producing party may not receive
16 Confidential Information of that party.

17 14. Nothing herein shall prohibit a party, or its counsel, from disclosing a
18 document designated "CONFIDENTIAL" or "CONFIDENTIAL - FOR
19 COUNSEL ONLY" to any person indicated on the face of the document to be its
20 originator, author or recipient.

21 15. Each person receiving Confidential Information designated hereunder
22 shall maintain it in a manner which ensures that access is limited to persons entitled
23 to receive it under this Protective Order. If such Confidential Information is
24 disclosed to any person other than a person authorized by this Protective Order, the
25 party responsible for the unauthorized disclosure must immediately bring all
26 pertinent facts relating to the unauthorized disclosure to the attention of the other
27 parties and, without prejudice to any rights and remedies of the other parties, make
28 every effort to prevent further disclosure by the party and by the person(s) receiving

1 the unauthorized disclosure.

2 **CHALLENGING DESIGNATION**

3 16. At any stage of these proceedings, any party may object to a
 4 designation of information as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL - FOR
 5 COUNSEL ONLY.” The party objecting to confidentiality shall notify counsel for
 6 the designating party in writing of the objected-to materials and the grounds for the
 7 objection. The parties shall first make a good faith effort to resolve the objection
 8 informally. If the dispute is not resolved within ten (10) business days of receipt of
 9 such a notice of objections, the objecting party may file a motion with the Court.
 10 Until the Court rules on the motion (or the matter is resolved between the parties),
 11 the materials at issue shall be treated as Confidential Information as designated by
 12 the designating party.

13 **FILING UNDER SEAL**

14 17. Any party seeking to file with the Court any documents or other
 15 evidentiary material designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “CONFIDENTIAL -
 16 FOR COUNSEL ONLY” shall seek permission of the Court to file such documents
 17 or other material under seal in accordance with Local Rule 79-5.1. A motion to file
 18 under seal shall be served on all parties, and the documents or other materials in
 19 question shall be lodged with the Court conditionally under seal.

20 **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

21 18. Nothing herein shall prejudice the right of any party to object to the
 22 production of any discovery material on the grounds permitted by the Federal Rules
 23 of Civil Procedure, including that the material is protected as attorney-client
 24 privileged or attorney work product.

25 19. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent disclosure of Confidential
 26 Information designated hereunder if such disclosure is required by law or by order
 27 of the Court. In the event that such disclosure is required, the party or other person
 28 who is obligated to disclose shall promptly upon receipt of the order or other

1 process requiring the disclosure notify the party who designated the Confidential
2 Information.

3 20. Upon final termination of this action, including any and all appeals,
4 counsel for each party shall, upon request of the producing party, return all
5 Confidential Information to the party that produced the information, including any
6 copies, excerpts, and summaries thereof, or shall destroy same at the option of the
7 receiving party, and shall purge all such information from all machine-readable
8 media on which it resides. Notwithstanding the foregoing, counsel for each party
9 may retain all pleadings, briefs, memoranda, motions, and other documents filed
10 with the Court that refer to or incorporate Confidential Information, and will
11 continue to be bound by this Protective Order with respect to all such retained
12 information. Further, attorney work product materials that contain Confidential
13 Information need not be destroyed or returned, but, if they are not destroyed, the
14 person in possession of the attorney work product will continue to be bound by this
15 Protective Order with respect to all such retained information.

16 21. The restrictions and obligations set forth herein shall not apply to any
17 information that: (a) the parties agree should not be designated Confidential
18 Information; (b) is already public knowledge; (c) has become public knowledge
19 other than as a result of disclosure by the receiving party, its employees, or its
20 agents in violation of this Protective Order; or (d) has come or shall come into the
21 receiving party's knowledge lawfully and independently of the production by the
22 designating party.

23 22. All provisions of this Protective Order shall survive the conclusion of
24 this action, and shall continue to be binding after the conclusion of this action
25 unless subsequently modified by agreement of the parties or further order of this
26 Court. For the purposes of enforcing this Protective Order and resolving any
27 disputes thereunder, the Court retains jurisdiction over the parties and all persons
28 provided access to Confidential Information under the terms of this Protective

1 Order.

2 23. All persons bound by this Protective Order are hereby notified that if
3 this Protective Order is violated in any manner, all persons and entities who commit
4 such violations are subject to any and all monetary and other sanctions as the Court,
5 after a hearing, deems to be just.

6 24. The Court may modify the terms and conditions of this Protective
7 Order for good cause, or in the interest of justice, or on its own order at any time in
8 these proceedings. Additionally, this Protective Order may be modified by
9 agreement of the parties, subject to approval by the Court.

10 25. The terms and provisions of this Protective Order, and designation of
11 any Confidential Information hereunder, shall also apply to and bind any party who
12 appears in this action subsequent to the entry of this Protective Order.

13 26. The terms and provisions of this Protective Order shall be binding on
14 the parties as a confidentiality agreement regardless of whether the Court ultimately
15 enters it as an Order.

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17 IT IS SO STIPULATED.
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1 Dated: February 19, 2013

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9 Date: February 19, 2013

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1 For good cause shown, the Court GRANTS the parties' Stipulated
2 Protective Order.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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5 Dated: February 21, 2013



6 The Honorable Patrick J. Walsh
7 United States Magistrate Judge
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EXHIBIT A

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**AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY
PROTECTIVE ORDER**

1 I, _____, declare and say that:

2 1. I am employed as _____ by

3 _____.

4 2. I have read and understood the Protective Order entered in the above-
5 entitled cases, and have received a copy of the Protective Order.

6 3. I promise that I will use any and all “Confidential” or “Confidential -
7 For Counsel Only” information, as defined in the Protective Order, given to me
8 only in a manner authorized by the Protective Order, and only to assist Outside
9 Counsel in the litigation of this matter.

10 4. I promise that I will not disclose or discuss such “Confidential” or
11 “Confidential - For Counsel Only” information with anyone other than the persons
12 with whom I am permitted to discuss such information, as designated, under the
13 terms of the Protective Order.

14 5. I acknowledge that, by signing this agreement, I am subjecting myself
15 to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of
16 California, and all courts in which appeals may be filed in these actions, with
17 respect to enforcement of the Protective Order.

18 6. I understand that any disclosure or use of “Confidential” or
19 “Confidential - For Counsel Only” information in any manner contrary to the
20 provisions of the Protective Order may subject me to sanctions for contempt of
21 court.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States
23 of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

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